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BOCAS DEL TORO, COLOMBIA, May 29, 1896.

* * * I have the honor to report that Bocas del Toro is free from all contagious or infectious diseases.

I visited Colon, United States of Colombia, on the 18th instant and made diligent inquiry as to existing health conditions, and there are no contagious or infectious diseases there.

Very respectfully,

W. B. BONSALL, M. D.,
Medical Officer.

CHINA.

The bubonic plague in Canton.

Under date of May 12, 1896, the United States consul at Canton reports that the bubonic plague has appeared in various parts of Canton and moves about from one portion of the city to another with varying fatality. No records or statistics are available. The plague is not so virulent or severe as in 1894, when it was estimated that 120,000 Chinese died of it between March 1 and August 31. It has appeared in some interior localites of this province, and is prevailing in Hong-kong.

CUBA.

Sanitary reports from Santiago—Smallpox increasing.

SANTIAGO DE CUBA, May 30, 1896.

SIR: I have the honor of submitting the following report on the sanitary condition of Santiago de Cuba for the week ended May 30:

The number of deaths has been 58, of which 7 were from smallpox, 2 from yellow fever, 8 from remittent fever, 5 from pernicious fever, 4 from dysentery, 3 from tuberculosis, 10 from enteritis, and the rest from noncontagious diseases. Variola is on the increase, and there are now over 100 cases known under treatment. Yellow fever continues the same as last week, while dysentery and intestinal diseases increase greatly.

The following vessels have been inspected and bills of health issued to them: May 22, British steamship *Earnford*, for Baltimore; American steamship *Santiago*, for New York (visé); Greek steamship *Marfieldis Ralli*, for Philadelphia. May 23, British steamship *Earnwood*, for Philadelphia. May 25, Spanish steamship *Panama* (visé), for New York. May 27, British steamship *Mameluke*, for Philadelphia. May 28, Belgium steamship *Sagamore*, for Philadelphia. May 29, British steamship *Earndale*, for Philadelphia.

Respectfully,

HENRY S. CAMINERO,
Sanitary Inspector, U. S. M. H. S.

SANTIAGO DE CUBA, June 6, 1896.

SIR: I have the honor of submitting the following report on the sanitary condition of Santiago de Cuba for the week ended June 6. The mortality for this period has increased to an alarming figure, the records showing 94 deaths—of these, 32 were from smallpox, 2 from yellow fever, 18 from bilious remittent fever, 8 from pernicious fever, 12 from enteritis, 4 from tuberculosis, and the rest from common diseases of noncontagious character.

Smallpox is raging epidemically, and the cases which can be numbered by hundreds are increasing daily. There are no precautions taken to keep the sick isolated, and wakes over the corpses are of daily occurrence.

Yellow fever has decreased somewhat, and there are only 2 deaths noted this week. * * *

Malarial affections of the most deadly character are very common, especially the remittent and pernicious form, enteritis among the children and dysentery among the adults are also providing a large contingent to the general mortality.

Respectfully,

HENRY S. CAMINERO,
Sanitary Inspector, U. S. M. H. S.

Yellow fever in Sagua la Grande.

Under date of June 1, 1896, the United States consul at Sagua la Grande reports that yellow fever is on the increase among the troops at that point.

Smallpox and yellow fever in Cienfuegos.

Under date of June 8, 1896, the United States consul at Cienfuegos reports that during the week ended June 7 there were 49 deaths from smallpox in Cienfuegos and 9 cases of yellow fever, of which 2 were fatal.

EGYPT.

Cholera report.

ALEXANDRIA, EGYPT, May 30, 1896.

SIR: I forward you by this mail copies of the official list of cholera in this country. The total number of cases in this city up to date is 653, of which there were 549 fatal. The number of cases in all Egypt since the beginning of the epidemic was 2,256, of which 1,878 were fatal. Official report up to May 26.

I remain, dear sir, yours, respectfully,

J. F. LOVE, M. D.

Cholera in Egypt.

[May 19-28, 1896.]

Cities or towns.	Cases remaining in hospital May 18.	New cases in hospital.	Deaths in hospital.	Deaths in cities or towns.
Alexandria	54	66	48	126
Cairo.....	7	109	66	282
Hagar el Navtieh.....	2	1	3	1
Ezbel-Khorshid	1	0	0	0
Benha .....	.....	0	0	1
Courah .....	.....	37	17	25
Courah (Egyptian army).....	.....	27	21	.....
El Kom.....	1	1	1	0
Cantah .....	.....	2	2	0
Ghiza .....	.....	3	2	13
Ghiza prison .....	.....	9	2	.....
Bassateen (Ghiza).....	.....	2	.....	0
Mahmoodiéh.....	.....	3	2	1
Helooan (Ezbel South).....	.....	2	.....	0
Suez.....	.....	1	1	0
Massloob .....	.....	1	1	0
Mansoorah .....	.....	0	0	1
Mehallat-Abu-Ali .....	.....	18	9	15
Gamgamoон .....	.....	2	1	2
Damanhoor.....	.....	1	.....	0
Beni Haron.....	.....	1	.....	0
Total.....	64	286	176	467